



GEN. JAMES CARTWRIGHT, MAVERICK WHO "JOLTED THE SYSTEM," IS HONORED AT MARINE BARRACKS

Last week, Gen. James E. Cartwright was honored at U.S. Marine Barracks in preparation for his retirement. At the ceremony, both Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and his outgoing deputy, William J. Lynn III, had high praises for the Marine, calling him "one of the military's most original thinkers," who "possesses a unique blend of technical and strategic brilliance." The Marine, who currently serves as the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (VCJCS), has served in the Corps for 40 years. In his most recent post, he became a foremost thinker on cyber warfare and even pushed the envelope of conventional protocol. "He jolted the system," Lynn said, "speeding the adoption of information technology across the force."



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THE WAR IN HIPSTAMATIC



It's been nearly 10 years since the U.S. war in Afghanistan began. Journalists and photographers flocked to Kabul and Tora Bora as the first bombs fell. The iPhone had not yet been invented; it would be another three years until anyone knew what Facebook was. But in this unique collection of photographs, largely taken on iPhones using an app called

Hipstamatic that allows users to digitally manipulate "lenses," "flashes," and "film stock," we found something exceptionally powerful: a record of the lives of U.S. Marines in Helmand province in 2010 and 2011 and of the Afghans they interacted with. It is by no means a comprehensive look at 10 years of war, but it is an evocative and profound slice of life.

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NEWS

'SHAVING CREAM' SAVE LIVES IN AFGHANISTAN



U.S. Marines in the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines' Cherokee Company, are using shaving cream for more than just facial hair in the Sangin district in the Helmand Province. The white, foamy everyday household item has



come in handy for marking suspected sites of roadside bombs, which have killed or seriously injured many U.S.-led coalition troops in the war-torn country. Marines had tried several things to mark possible bomb locations, but nothing seemed to work as well as shaving cream. It is "hands down the best marking tool available," said Casey M. Brock,

commanding officer of C Company, which has some 200-plus Marines and U.S. Navy corpsmen. He and others under his command, including Lt. Paul Herdener, have detailed how important the shaving cream is to safety and how their supply was running dangerously low. What started as an acknowledgement of a much-needed item is now a full-blown community campaign led by Herdener's father, Tony Herdener of Georgia. J&J Foods is setting up displays at its stores showcasing the effort, which is known as "Operation Shaving Cream." Shoppers can buy a 12-can case for \$12 and pay no additional charge for taxes or shipping. All three locations of J&J Foods - two in Gainesville, Ga. and one in Dahlonega, Ga. - are participating. The displays will explain the shaving cream's war zone purpose and that the item is "saving lives and protecting bodies and limbs," said Darrell Wiley, president and CEO of J&J Foods. "I think it's important to note that this is an ongoing need," even after Paul Herdener has returned home, said Jim Mathis, Jr., president and CEO of the North Georgia Community Foundation. "We hope to continue for as long as [military personnel] are there and as long as there's a need. A lot of people have made [buying and shipping the cans] a weekly ritual. Others have used it as a way ... to teach [their children] about what service is and what it means." The local effort has a goal of 850 cases, or 10,200 cans.

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MULTINATIONAL KHAAN QUEST 2011 KICKS OFF

On July 31, Exercise Khaan Quest 2011 kicked off at Ulaanbatar, Mongolia. Service members and delegates of more than 10 participating nations were addressed by Mongolian President. Elbegdorj, Lt. Gen. Byambajav, chief



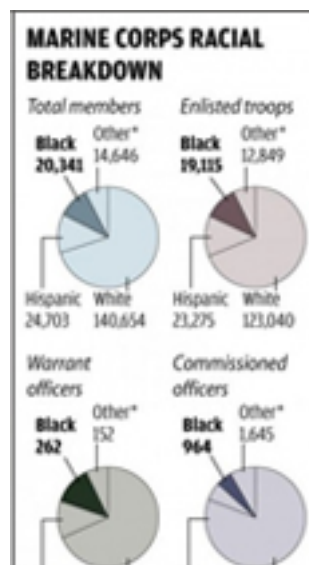
of general staff, Mongolian Armed Forces, and Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr., commanding general, III Marine Expeditionary Force, and commander, Marine Corps Bases Japan. Khaan Quest is a combined joint-exercise hosted by the



Mongolian armed forces in partnership with U.S. Pacific Command forces, and has been conducted annually since 2003 at the Five Hills Training Area in Mongolia. It is a multinational exercise that supports peacekeeping operations and consists of different events including, a command post exercise, a field training exercise, an engineering civic action program and a medical civic action program. The goal of the field training exercise is to improve multinational speed of response, mission effectiveness, interoperability, unity of effort and individual skill. "The government and the people of Mongolia consider Khaan Quest as an event of profound importance, making valid contribution to expanding the rights of United Nations peace keepers, and increasing peace support capacities of participating nations, promoting security and military confidence in the Asia Pacific region," Elbegdorj said. Additional goals of the exercise include working with the Mongolian Armed Forces in further developing the Five Hills Training Area, enhancing peace-support capabilities, and increasing interoperability and planning proficiency among all participant forces.

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INCREASING BLACK OFFICER NUMBERS OVERDUE



The Commandant announced Tuesday that his goal is to double the number of blacks among the Marine Corps' officers. Currently, there are 1,326 black officers serving in the Marine Corps, and by raising the figure to 2,860, it would better reflect the percentage of the black population in the U.S. Gen. Amos' promise to increase diversity is a marked change for the Corps', as it was the last service to allow blacks to serve and there has never had a black commandant or four-star general. "I looked at the officer corps and said, 'Boy, we are missing the mission,'" said Amos last week at an event in San Diego. "We're not the face of society." To meet the Commandant's goal of recruiting and retaining black officers, he emphasized that will not mean a lessening of expectations or requirements, rather a new approach, including broadening their recruitment beyond black colleges and universities and sending top-performing black Marines to reach out to black neighborhoods and schools. As part of the

Hispanic	White	Hispanic	White
256	1,451	1,172	16,363
*Other includes Asian, American Indian, Pacific Islander, No response and other			
Source: U.S. Marine Corps		NCT/CAL	

Commandant's diversity efforts, he is also working to elevate and enshrine the legacy of the Montford Point Marines, nearly 20,000 blacks who were the first to enter the Marine Corps in the 1940s.

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COMBAT ARTIST, AL HURWITZ, DONATES SKETCHES

Seventy years ago, Al Hurwitz went to combat in the South Pacific armed with a carbine and a sketch pad. Now retired, Hurwitz no longer has his weapon, but he does have his drawings, which survive as a record of the wartime experiences of his fellow Marines. On August 11, Hurwitz will travel to the National Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, Va. and donate a collection of his drawings that will be added to a



large body of works by Marine combat artists. The museum staff located Hurwitz through a computer search for Marine Corps WWII veterans designated as combat artists. "I can't tell you how pleased I am," Hurwitz said. A museum staff member had suggested that Hurwitz mail his drawings. The former Marine would not hear of it. "I said no, I want to bring them and I want you to give me a first-class tour of the museum in a wheelchair, with whomever it is that I'm with." The museum was happy to oblige. Over the past several weeks, Mr. Hurwitz, age 91, has been assembling the wartime artwork he will present. "Sometimes a drawing tells an interesting story, even though the quality isn't good," he said. "A lot of people expect a lot of action drawings, but you can't draw and fight at the same time."

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SERVICE MEMBERS IN SEARCH OF RELIEF



The Servicemember's Civil Relief Act (SCRA) allows service members to suspend certain civil obligations, in order to relieve stress on their dependents and themselves while serving on active duty. When service



members aren't informed about the SCRA they can be taken advantage of financially by being over charged in mortgage payments or by having their home illegally foreclosed on while deployed, actions that are protected under SCRA. "We do not want to have service members

harmed in their civil affairs simply because they have chosen to answer their nation's call of duty," said Michael Archer, the regional legal assistance officer for the east coast. In an interview with NBC, Chase Bank officials said, 4,000 troops may have been overcharged and the bank improperly foreclosed on the homes of 14 military families. One service member who was overcharged by a lender is Capt. Jonathon Rowles, a Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 224 weapons system officer. As Rowle's credit began to affect his job and family, he went to a law firm to get his case settled. "It is important to understand your finances and to know the benefits you are entitled to so [service members] can be proficient and focused on their jobs," Rowles said.

If you feel your SCRA rights are being violated or want to learn more about your rights, contact your legal assistance officer on the Air Station at 228-7548 and 228-2559 for Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, or visit www.justice.gov

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PENDLETON KIDS PLAY FREE WITH NFL PROS



On July 21 and 22, 150 children ages 7 to 18 attended the first Eric Dickerson Youth Football Camp to take part in a hands-on instruction from NFL players at Camp Pendleton's 11-Area Football Field. The two-day camp was part of the Eric Dickerson Foundation, which provides positive influences through youth sports, education and leadership. They build community partnerships with other non-profit



organizations, schools and military services. During the camp, children

learned offensive and defensive drills, as well as participating in speed and agility exercises. They were broken up into age groups and participated in eight-minute drills led by former NFL players. "Our goal with this event was to provide a free, non-contact program for kids of all ages to come and enjoy," said Geri Murillo, Eric Dickerson Foundation administrator. "We teach them mentoring and leadership skills, as well as provide them with an injury prevention class." The foundation plans to conduct this event annually with the base's children. They also provide free, youth camps throughout California to develop young children into resilient leaders through encouragement and perseverance. For more information about the Eric Dickerson Foundation, visit their website at www.ericdickersonfoundation.org.

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EVENTS

"SCHOOL OF ROCK" AT THE RUNSTOCK 5K



The "School of Rock" will take center stage at the RunStock 5K an evening running and musical experience on Saturday, August 20. As part of the Marine Corps Marathon Event Series, the RunStock 5K (3.1 miles) offers the opportunity for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy an evening of exercise for the body and music for the soul. RunStock will include a beer garden and concessions including Gunny's BBQ at the finish. Registration for the

RunStock 5K is \$35 and just \$5 for those nine and under. Registration is open at www.marinemarathon.com. All participants will receive a RunStock 5K concert-style T-shirt, hospitality, an evening of free entertainment and a cold Michelob Ultra for all those runners of legal age.

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